

(c) an elastomeric shear layer disposed between the carrier frame and the outer shell when the carrier frame is received within the outer shell, the shear layer absorbs at least a portion of the vibrational energy transmitted from the surface to the shoe portion when the skate traverses the surface.

24. (Amended) The skate frame of Claim 21, wherein the sidewalls of the first structural member extend to the lower end of the arcuate cross sectional shape of the second structural member.

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